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SUMMARY: NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 17 APPROVED THE FULL
TEXT OF "ALLIANCE APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS ON MBFR." SYG LUNS
EXPRESSED DEEP SATISFACTION THAT ALLIANCE HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON
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A COMMON APPROACH TO MBFR, WHICH HE BELIEVED WOULD AUGUR WELL FOR
FUTURE ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS ON OBJECTIVES, POLICY AND STRATEGY
TOWARDS MBFR. NATO WILL NOW TURN ITS ATTENTION TO REACHING
CONSENSUS ON MORE DETAILED PROPOSALS ON PRE-REDUCTION STABILIZING

MEASURES; OTHER STABILIZING MEASURES, INCLUDING NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROVISIONS; VERIFICATION, AND PROVISIONS FOR THE FLANKS.
END SUMMARY.

1. AT OPENING OF NAC DISCUSSION, SYG LUNS NOTED THAT RUMSFELD AT OCTOBER 16 LUNCH HAD INFORMED THE PERMREPS OF HIS NEW INSTRUCTIONS (REFTEL) ALLOWING HIM TO ACCEPT THE FULL TEXT OF THE DOCUMENT, "ALLIANCE APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS ON MBFR (C-M/73 83)." LUNS REMINDED COUNCIL THAT U.S. HAD CIRCULATED A NEW COMPROMISE FORMULATION ON ONLY UNRESOLVED PARAGRAPH -- ON PRE-REDUCTION STABILIZING MEASURES (PARA 23) -- AT POLADS ON OCTOBER 16, AND HE ASSUMED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO THIS TEXT. GREEK PERMREP CHORAFAS AMENDED MEASURE (CONTAINED IN PARA 30 (IV)) TO ELIMINATE REFERENCE TO "THE AREA SOUTH OF THE 50TH PARALLEL." RUMSFELD CONFIRMED U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF C-M/73/83 AMEMNDED. THERE WERE NO FURTHER COMMENTS FROM PERMREPS ON THE TEXT.

2. CONCLUDING THAT THE COUNCIL HAD THUS REACHED FULL AGREEMENT ON THE DOCUMENT, LUNS EXPRESSED DEEP SATISFACTION THAT THE ALLIES HAD ACHIEVED CONSENSUS ON A COMMON APPROACH TO MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. HE BELIEVED THAT THIS ACHIEVEMENT AUGURED WELL FOR FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS IN THE ALLIANCE ON OBJECTIVES, POLICY AND STRATEGY. HE CONGRATULATED ALL THOSE CONCERNED IN MAKING THIS AGREEMENT POSSIBLE.

3. RUMSFELD THEN MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT (PER REFTEL) ON PRE-REDUCTION MEASURES:

(A) THE U.S. FULLY AGREES REGARDING THE NECESSITY AND THE DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER URGENT EXAMINATION OF PRE-REDUCTION STABILIZING MEASURES, IN LIGHT OF SEARCHING QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOUT THESE MEASURES BOTH IN THIS FORUM AND IN CAPITALS.

(B) WE BELIEVE THIS REVIEW SHOULD INCLUDE SUCH BASIC QUESTIONS AS:

(Q) WHETHER THE PRE-REDUCTION ASPECTS OF THESE MEASURES SHOULD
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BE DROPPED AND WHETHER THEY SHOULD ACCOMPANY REDUCTIONS, (2) APPLICATION TO US/SOVIET FORCES ONLY OR TO THOSE OF OTHER NATO/WP FORCES, AND (3) THE AREA OF APPLICATION. OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS ON OCTOBER 30 SHOULD REFLECT THE FACT THAT THESE MATTERS ARE NOW UNDER URGENT REVIEW IN THE ALLIANCE AND DRAFT OPENING STATEMENTS SHOULD BE REVIEWED WITH THIS IN MIND.

(C) THE U.S. WILL BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS REVIEW WITHIN THE ALLIANCE UPON AN URGENT BASIS.

(COMMENT: RUMSFELD DID NOT MAKE THE STATEMENT OF RESERVATION SUGGESTED IN PARA 2 A-C IN REFTEL, SINCE HE HAD ALREADY MADE A STATEMENT OF THIS KIND AT OCTOBER 8 NAC (USNATO 4786).

HE DID, HOWEVER, REMIND THE COUNCIL OF THE STATEMENT.
HE DID NOT PROPOSE FOOTNOTE SUGGESTED IN PARA 3 OF REFTTEL, SINCE
PRESENT PARA 23 IN CM(73)83 CONTAINS THE PHRASE "SUBJECT TO
FURTHER URGENT EXAMINATION IN THE ALLIANCE." ENDCOMMENT.)

4. DUTCH REP (BUWALDA) AGREED WITH RUMSFELD'S STATEMENT ON
NEED FOR URGENT EXAMINATION. BUWALDA POINTED OUT THAT CM(73)83
CALLS FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION IN THE ALLIANCE OF PRE-REDUCTION
STABILIZING MEASURES; OTHER STABILIZING MEASURES, INCLUDING
NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROVISIONS; VERIFICATION; AND PROVISIONS
FOR THE FLANKS. HE BELIEVED THAT THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE
SHOULD COMMENCE SUCH STUDIES IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THE MBFR WORKING
GROUP SHOULD BE TASKED TO MAKE THE "MAXIMUM POSSIBLE"
CONTRIBUTION. THE WORKING GROUP HAS ALREADY COMPILED A "LIBRARY"
OF STUDIES WHICH SHOULD BE DRAWN UPON. BELGIAN PERMREP DE
STAERCKE AGREED WITH BUWALDA'S STATEMENT, PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE
STUDIES WHICH THE WORKING GROUP HAD ALREADY COMPLETED.

5. LUNS REMARKED THAT THE SENIOR POLADS ON OCTOBER 18 WOULD TURN
TO THE QUESTION OF PROCEDURES FOR THESE FOLLOW-UP STUDIES.
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